



Holy Family Parish

A praying, caring community, centred in Christ

Holy Family Parish is a member of a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Patrick's, Holy Family and St Gerard's.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church: 6pm Vigil & 10.30am

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 9am & 12noon

WEEKDAYS

Holy Family Church: 9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 10.00am Thursday, Friday & Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Family Church: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Saturday after 10am Mass

BAPTISMS

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Sundays at 1pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)

Pilgrim Prayer: Tuesday 8pm on Parish Facebook page

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass

First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

Taizé Prayer: last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Sun 10: St Comgall & St Damien of Molokai
Wed 13: Our Lady of Fatima
Thu 14: St Matthias, Apostle
Fri 15: St Carthage of Lismore
Sat 16: St Brendan of Kerry & Clonfert



On the election of Matthias as an Apostle: "One of us [followers of Jesus] must be elected to serve with us as a witness to the Resurrection."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

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Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10TH MAY 2026

Readings: A (II)

Psalter: Week II

"CHRIST IS ALIVE! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

(Pope Francis' letter to Young People and to the Entire People of God, 2019)

Mass for Students

Starting Exams

Sunday 10th May 2026

10.30am

Holy Family Church

Short Prayer
Before an Exam

Lord, as I take this exam, I ask for Your peace and clarity of mind. Calm my nerves, help me to focus, and guide my memory to recall what I have studied. Give me the wisdom to understand the questions, and the ability to express my answers clearly. I trust in You. Amen

MASS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH & CARERS

Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick and blessing of carers will take place in

**Holy Family Church
on Sunday 17th May at 3pm**

Everyone is most welcome



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 3rd May came to £2,807.88, and the monthly collection for the support of the priests was £3,000.67. Standing order contributions to the white and blue envelopes, during March, were £1,900 & £620 respectively. Contactless and website donations in April amounted to £1,746. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For information on standing order and contactless methods of donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE. Will be closed on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th May.

PARISH 100 CLUB. 1 WEEK TO GO! The 2026/2027 draw starts 14th May. We hope you will continue to support us, as we enter an exciting new draw year. Good luck to everyone! **PROMOTERS, IF THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR ENVELOPE IN THE WALLED SAFE IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.**

ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. In St Gerard's church, 11th-19th May, with the theme of "Living Our Baptism". For Mass times and information, please visit www.stgerardsparish.org.



DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG. 19th-21st June, £100 incl. transport & island admission. Contact Claire at 02890690920, or email pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org. Also visit www.loughderg.org, for details of the 1 & 3 day retreats in the 2026 pilgrimage season.

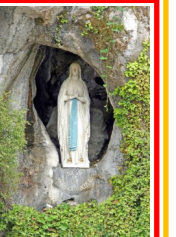
BLESSING OF THE GRAVES. In Milltown Cemetery TODAY Sunday 10th May at 3pm, and in the City Cemetery on Sunday 17th May at 3pm.

SAFEGUARDING. Please note that, in the interests of safeguarding, it is important that children are accompanied at all times, when in our church buildings.

PARISH CENSUS. The Parish Census will take place next weekend 16th & 17th May. As part of the Annual Parish Census, you will be asked to select a BLUE (male) or RED (female) token and place it in a basket relevant to your age. Volunteers will be on hand to assist and direct you should you need any help. This information will only be shared with Down & Connor. We would really appreciate your participation in the parish census, as this information is invaluable to the parish. Many thanks.

DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JULY '26

Five young people from our Parish will be part of the Youth Team, who will accompany and help care for the pilgrims who need assistance. The cost for each of our young people is quite high, and we are hoping that parishioners might assist them. We would appreciate your support this weekend, when a church door collection will be taken up after all Masses, for our young pilgrims.



REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Phyllis Lee
Month's Mind: Bridghe Halim
Anniversaries: Roland McGuinness, Gerald Dowd (1st), Seamus Rogers (1st), Michael Gribben, Hugh McGrath, Babby Hamilton (1st), Frank & Leo McCaughey, Kate Catney

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



For more information and resources:
www.holy-familyparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9 (6pm): Michael Gribben
Sun 10 (9am): For the People of the Parish
Sun 10 (10.30am): Gerald Dowd (1st)
Sun 10 (12 Noon): Babby Hamilton (1st)
Mon 11 : Priest's Intention
Tue 12: Frank & Leo McCaughey
Wed 13: Kate Catney
Thu 14: Special Intention
Fri 15: Bridghe Halim MM
Sat 16 (10am): Special Intention

